

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgement of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Hymns and liturgy are located in the RED hymnal unless noted otherwise.

** indicates to stand if you are able*

GATHERING

Prelude & Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness pg. 94

9/11 Litany of Remembrance

* Opening Hymn: "All Creatures, Worship God Most High" #835 (vs 1-4)

Greeting | Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:1-13

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

* Gospel Acclamation pg. 142

* Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Distribution of Bibles to 3rd and 6th Graders

Children's Message | Back to School Blessing

Message

Hymn of the Day: "I Come with Joy" #482

Prayers of the Church: *Hear us, O God.* **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering | Special Music by Choir

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn: "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" #492

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

* Sending Hymn: "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" #864

Dismissal

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Al Watson, Jim Thraen, those who serve in the military, families or victims of war, those affected by natural disasters, and those in nursing homes or are homebound.

Don Reicosky's nephew Darin Edler, for healing.

Shelly's mother, Julie, for a safe and successful recovery.

Buffy Larrabee for continued healing.

Paul Hansen (Griffin's Daycare Provider's Spouse) for strength and healing as he goes through cancer treatment.

Grand-nephew of Pam Gades for ongoing medical issues, and Pam's brother, Bruce for prayers as he goes through cancer treatment.

Nevaeh Marshall: for strength and peace.

People of Columbia: in the aftermath of the earthquake.

People of Israel and Palestine: for peace and protection from violence.

People of Ukraine: for peace and safety.

People of Iran: for peace and safety

Please notify the office if/when you would like a prayer request added or your prayer request removed.

WORSHIP SERVANTS at FIRST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Ushers: *Steve & Michelle Just, Michael Bjorklund*

Lector: *Vicki Dalager* **Nursery:** *Robi Bowman*

Acolytes: *Wyatt & Gage Schultz*

Communion Prep: *Judy Buro*

Communion Server: *Millie Tschetter*

Video: *Dave Jungst* **TV slides:** *Brayden Carlson*

Accompanist: *Suzanne Smith*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Ushers: *Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe*

Lector: *Denise Odello* **Nursery:** *Bobbi Siegel*

Acolytes: *Zoe Krosch & Lucy Feuchtenberger*

Communion Prep: *Sharon Ehlers*

Communion Server: *Doug Ehlers*

Video: *Tony Feuchtenberger* **TV slides:** *Connor Siegel*

Accompanist: *Deb Mahoney*

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welcome

TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

RALLY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

8:00-9:00am: Pancake Breakfast

8:30-9:15am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship at FIRST with fellowship/coffee following

Monday, September 14

no events scheduled

Tuesday, September 15

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, September 16

6:30pm: Element Kick-off and Parent Meeting at FIRST

7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal at FEDERATED

Thursday, September 17

2:00pm: Zipporah Bible Study

Friday, September 18

no events scheduled

Saturday, September 19

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at FAITH

Sunday, September 20

9:30am: Worship at FEDERATED with fellowship following

Sunday school held during worship service

ANNOUNCEMENTS for FIRST and FEDERATED

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, September 20: 9:30am at FEDERATED with fellowship following; Sunday school held during worship
- Sunday, September 27: 9:30am at FIRST with fellowship following; Sunday school held from 8:30-9:15am

Fusion & Element: Element Kick-off and parent meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30pm at FIRST.

Joint Choir Practice at FEDERATED meets each Wednesday at 7:00pm.

2nd Floor Store at LCM the donation delivery will be following TODAY'S fellowship coffee time. If you can help carry boxes, and have room in your car for these items, please step in to help out today. Thank you!

Fall Dinner Pancake Coffee Hour We are serving up gourmet-flavored pancakes, coffee and fellowship on Sunday, September 27 following the worship service at First. Proceeds from this coffee hour go towards our Annual Fall Dinner. Don't miss it!

WELCA Fall Gathering Monday, September 21 at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson, starting at 4:30pm. In kind items going to Lutheran Social Services for Homeless Youth Ministry are posted on the church doors.

Morris Community Meal will be served at First Lutheran on Monday, September 28 and we need volunteers! If you are able to help out, please use this link to sign up! <https://z.umn.edu/SeptCM>

Support Sunday Table Meals for the LCM by using this link: ummlcm.org/support/lcm

Watch for more information! Coming soon! More information about ways to form groups for upcoming Church without Walls efforts and projects. Some will be connected to fall and winter Seniors on the Move, while others will be scheduled that encourage families of all ages to help.

Pastor Matt at Common Cup on Thursdays from 11:00am-1:00pm. Come by for a cup of coffee or just to say hello.

Federated Office Hours: Haley is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday by phone or email from 9am-12pm; with in office days on Wednesday 8:30am-3pm and Friday 8:30am-12pm.

First Office Hours: Rita's hours are Monday through Thursday from 8am to 4pm by phone, text or email; in office days on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9am-12pm.

Blessing Bags Federated WF Mission Project, once again we are packing 10-15 "Blessing Bags" with school supplies and personal items for school age children in Mexico. The bags will be sent in mid-October. Items still need for boys or girls in the following age groups: 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 8-10 years, or 12-14 years old. Socks, underwear, individual wrapped toothbrushes, medium sized toothpaste, soaps, washcloths, small pencil sharpeners, regular pencils. If you would like Jessica Forcell or Judy Johnston to do your shopping for you, \$10-20 is welcomed to get the supplies and cover shipping costs. For questions, please contact Judy at 32-287-1431. A tote will be available to collect donations at Federated Church through September.

Adopt-a-Highway Clean up: This annual service project on Highway 9 will be conducted on Sunday, October 4 at 11:30am. We will meet at the Stevens County Highway Department garage located at 21157 480th Ave, Morris (just north of McDonald's). Subject to weather conditions.

Pastoral Visits If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office. Hospital and nursing home staff cannot contact the church without permission.

Altar Flowers we'd love to have flowers from your garden on our altar on Sundays. Please call or text Kris Howden at 320-349-0892 so we don't double up. Thank you!

Zipporah Bible Study meets at 2:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall at FIRST. All are welcome to join us!